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1. In September 1953, the government-managed Pukch'angp'yong Ranch began operating under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Agriculture. In September 1954, the office of this ranch was in Pukch'angp'yong-dong (N 42-47, E 129-56) (EC7637), Onsong-gun at EC7738. The ranch's main function was the correct breeding and propagation of livestock; including sheep, pigs, cattle, and horses; for ultimate government use.² A secondary project was cooperative field cultivation that would gradually lead to farm collectivization. Ranch workers numbered approximately 20 office personnel, 5 or 6 field foremen, and 1,000 laborers and cowkeepers.³ The ranch office was in a one-story building 12 meters long, 6 meters wide, and 6 meters high, formerly used as a rural police detachment station. The building had a black zinc roof and gray cement walls. 25X1
2. The ranch office consisted of a Livestock bureau, a Farm Produce bureau, a Construction bureau, a Management bureau, a General Affairs bureau, and an Accounting bureau. The Livestock bureau had charge of livestock breeding, the Farm Produce bureau distributed food for ranch employees and livestock, and the Construction bureau was responsible for the maintenance and expansion of the office building and the fields. 25X1
3. The main office personnel were a manager, a chief accountant, and a chief engineer. The manager was MUN Sok-ku (2429/6932/0046), and the former director of the Fisheries Bureau of the Ministry of Marine Products. The Chief Accountant was CH'AE Kil-un (5591/0679/6663), 25X1

Another member of the office staff was HONG Sun-il (3163/7311/0001), 25X1

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1. Minchu Chosŏn (Democratic Korea) of early 1954 stated that the sheep and horses at this ranch had been received from Mongolian ranches through the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. The government's livestock plan called for 2,000 head of sheep by September 1954, but as of that date none had been contributed by the ranch.
3. Comment.  in July 1954 Pukch'angp'yong Meadow contained 5 trucks, 300 sheep, 200 horses and cows, and less than 1,000 workers.

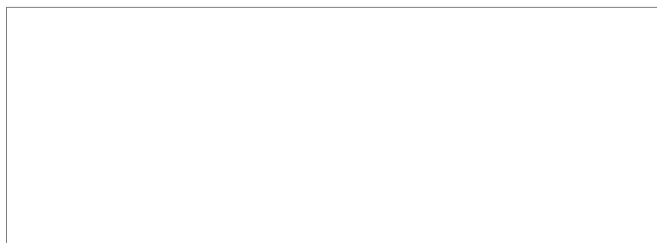
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4. The main livestock food was hay and bean-cake refuse.
5. MUN was transferred to the ranch in February 1953. The transfer of a bureau director to the position of ranch manager indicates the importance of this ranch.



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